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Docket No.: 826.1570

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Nobuhiro SAITOU

Serial No. 09/432,113

Group Art Unit: 2672

Filed: November 2, 1999

Examiner: C. Harrison

For: GRAPHIC EDITING APPARATUS, GRAPHIC EDITING METHOD AND STORAGE
MEDIUM ON WHICH IS RECORDED A PROGRAM FOR GRAPHIC EDITING

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on October 5, 2001. A petition and fee for a 1-month Extension of Time is enclosed, thereby extending the response period to November 5, 2001.

The following amendment and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please ADD claim 13 in accordance with the following:

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13. (NEW) A method of inserting a node into a displayed graph, comprising:
determining a first connection in the graph by comparing a position of the first connection with a position of an input device, where the first connection connects a first displayed node and a second displayed node; and
inserting the insertion node into the graph by creating a second connection connecting the insertion node to the first node, and by creating a third connection connecting the insertion node to the second node.

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